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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

More than 300 search and rescue team members from around the state will be in the American River Canyon near Auburn for a mountain rescue team testing on Saturday, March 1.

The Placer County Sheriff Office's Mountain Rescue Team, which is one of many specialized teams of the Sheriff's Search and Rescue operations, is hosting the California Region Mountain Rescue Association (CRMRA) 2014 Reaccreditation. Teams belonging to the CRMRA are required to recertify annually in one of three disciplines, which include snow and ice, technical rock and search and tracking. This year's event will be search and tracking.

The reaccreditation will take place in the Auburn State Recreation Area in the American River canyon. The command post will be at the American River Canyon Overlook Park, overlooking the Auburn Dam site. Field teams will be tracking "subjects", working medical scenarios, doing grid searches, and locating a "missing" aircraft. State Parks has been instrumental in allowing the PCSO Mountain Rescue Team to host the event in their jurisdiction.

The event will run from approximately 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Recreational users of the Auburn State Recreation Area near Auburn and Cool should use extra caution when traveling in the canyon near Highway 49 between Auburn and Cool and in areas around the American River Canyon Overlook Park. Members of the different teams will be in the field most of the day, traveling by road and hiking on the trails. Mountain bikers should use extra caution when traveling on the trails, especially in areas where visibility is limited. Signs and caution tape will be posted at various locations to ask drivers, bicyclists, and hikers to use caution while traveling in the area.

